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# KICKERS KICKED

## Anti-Machine Democrats Who Kicked Against the Regular Organization at the Primary Kick Over the Count

### Several of Them File Petitions Asking Circuit Court to Give a Re-Count With Kick In It

A lot of the Democratic kickers who kicked against the regular organization are now asking the County court to find out what kind of a kick was handed to them at the primary when they were kicked out of nominations.

These requests for a recount are made by Michael J. Ryan, former Judge; Frank H. Graham, Eugene McGarry, James O'Toole, Math. D. Hartigan, John Lowery, candidates for the municipal bench; Frank Ragen and William D. Scott, candidates for county commissioner.

Some of the contesting Municipal Court candidates were defeated by only a few hundred votes on the face of the official returns. Ragen was defeated, according to the official figures, by 8,000.

The petitioning candidates in their petition for an opening of the ballot boxes charge irregularities and discrepancies in some 200 precincts.

Precincts against which charges are made are in the following wards: First, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Seventh, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-first, Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth, Thirty-third, Thirty-fourth wards.

It is charged that in the Twentieth precinct of the Eleventh ward the votes for county commissioner were not counted at all. In the Twelfth ward, Fifteenth precinct, it is charged that a watcher was driven out of the polling place at the point of a revolver and that the votes for county commissioners and judges were not counted.

In the fifth precinct of the Sixteenth ward it is charged that not one of the Citizens' slate candidates got a vote, while all the "regular" slate candidates received 307 votes.

Rent hogs are certainly due for something. They are causing trouble everywhere. The courts are crowded with complaints against them. On Tuesday Chief Justice Olson assigned one-third of the cases scheduled in Judge Barasa's Rent Court to the nine courts of jury trial judges in the City Hall. This action was taken when it was shown that more than 200 cases were set for hearing before Judge Barasa.

Mr. Carr, the county treasurer, announced that in any case where the taxpayer did not receive their bills until about May 1st, he will, upon application, do everything in his power to waive the penalty for the month of May.

## DRASTIC RULING BY DAUGHERTY

Candidates for Senate Need Not Make Returns on Expenditures.

## NEWBERRY CASE IS CITED

Returns Required Under Corrupt Practices Act, Just Attorney General Construes Court's Decision as Invalidating Portion of Law.

Washington, May 11.—Something akin to a political sensation was caused when it became known that Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty has handed out an opinion to the effect that under existing law the 35 candidates for election to the senate this year need not make any returns

on their campaign expenditures, either for the primaries or for the regular elections in the fall.

### Newberry Case Cited.

The returns are required under the corrupt practices act in 1921, but the attorney general construed the Supreme court's decision in the Newberry case as invalidating that portion of the law affecting senators, because the method of their election has been changed since the passage of the act. They were formerly elected by state legislatures and now by direct vote of the people.

### To Rush Revision of Law.

That there will be a speedy revision of the law to compel senatorial candidates to file returns just as do members of the house were generally predicted at the capitol by both "liberals" of both Democratic and Republican parties.

Brundage republicans of the Twenty-fifth ward banqueted at the Edgewater Beach hotel Tuesday evening. F. L. Boutell was chairman of the committee on arrangements. The dinner started at 6:30 p. m. Attorney General Brundage spoke. Other speakers were State's Attorney Crowe, Charles Ringer, candidate for county treasurer; Charles S. Peterson, candidate for president of the county board, and Edward A. Litsinger, candidate for re-election to the board of review.

We notice that Fire Chief McDonald has suspended that part of the fire code requiring fire extinguishers in various buildings. It appears to us that it took him a good many years to discover that they were not needed.

## THE ROTTEN SCHOOL BOARD

State's Attorney Crowe subpoenaed over sixty property owners in the widespread investigation of graft in the school affairs. They will be questioned by State's Attorney Crowe and Assistant State's Attorney Hodges regarding transfer of their property to the school board, after, it is alleged, it was condemned for Forestville school purposes.

The subpoenas duces tecum were issued immediately after Assistant State's Attorney Hodges had questioned officials of the board.

Mrs. Lulu Snodgrass, former trustee of the board of education, will be one of the important witnesses to appear before the grand jury to testify in the investigation being conducted by State's Attorney Crowe into school board affairs.

While Mrs. Snodgrass, who is chairman of the educational committee of the Cook County Women's clubs and of the educational section of the committee on public affairs, has made a few open charges concerning the board of education to various women's clubs, it was reported that information she could not divulge to them will be revealed to the state's attorney.

Her testimony will tell in part the matter of the \$2,000,000 boilers rusting in the fields at the May school, and for which \$11,000 was paid for cartage and storage. She is also expected to tell of pay-roll padding and will name certain trustees who have been instrumental in placing contracts with their favorite concerns.

Pay-roll padding, graft and fraud were charges hurled at the board of education by Assistant State's Attorney Ernest S. Hodges, who, under the direction of State's Attorney Crowe, is conducting the investigation.

Attorney Hodges had just finished a personal of the pay-roll accounts of the board, which consumed the entire week-end. Forthwith subpoenas were immediately sent out for Miss Ada L. Ketcham, private secretary to Attorney William A. Bither, now under indictment for an illegal \$4,500 graft, and Fred W. Krengle, assistant business manager in charge of purchases. Startling disclosures, bearing upon

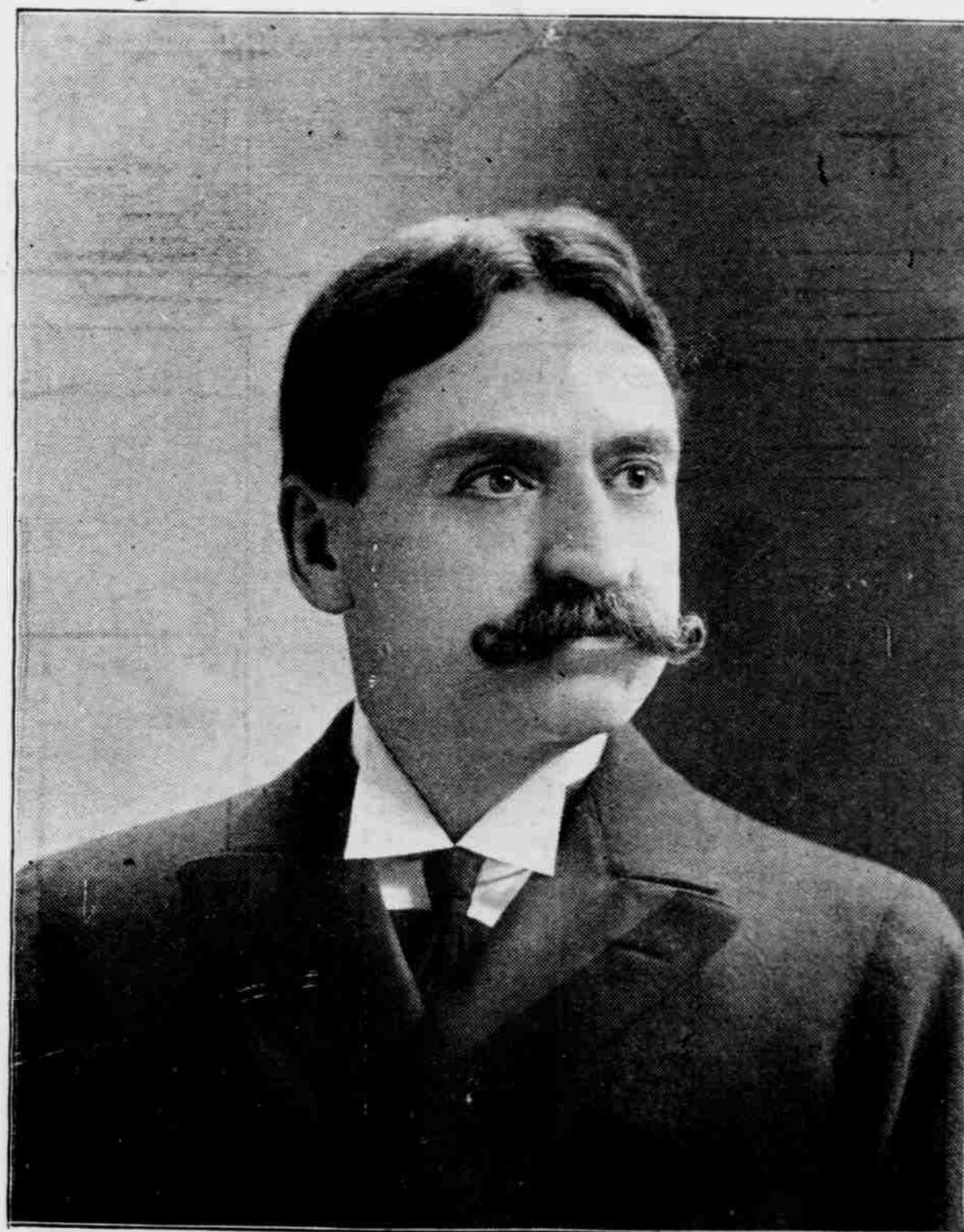
property transactions in which members of the board are alleged to have profited by thousands of dollars will be made at the continuation of the grand jury hearing, the state's attorney's office indicated. That Albert H. Severinghaus, vice president of the board, and chairman of the building

The aldermen are after the motor busses. They claim that they take up too much room on streets and boulevards. A proposition to "tax the motor busses out of the loop district" was laid at Tuesday's session of Ald. Thomas O. Wallace's aldermanic subcommittee on the motor bus problem. The Chicago Motor Bus company now pays the city \$10 a year per bus as a license fee. George D. Crowley, vice president of the bus concern, was told it is the sentiment of the subcommittee to remove all bus traffic from State street, as an aid to traffic congestion.

It was brought out that the line pays park boards which control the boulevards on which it operates a percentage of its gross receipts. Whether a tax should be levied on a percentage basis, a mileage basis, or measured by the capacity of the busses was not decided.

If the new Constitution is adopted it will extend Mayor Thompson's term from the spring of 1923 to December, 1923.

Billions of mosquitos have appeared in River Forest and other suburbs. Employees of the sanitary district have declared their annual spring war against mosquitoes in the Des Plaines Valley. Eight spraying outfits are at work and seventy oil stations have been established. The river, subsidiary channels and all adjoining pools will be covered with a coat of oil.



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Merchant Miller, Bank Director and Leader in the Financial and Political World.

# POLITICAL PAP

## The New Constitution Will Remove the Trough That Criminal and Superior Court Clerks Are Fed At

### Changes in the Court System Will Also Seriously Interfere With Some Well Developed Appetites

The provision of the new Constitution abolishing all of the court clerks' offices in Cook County except the clerk of the Circuit court is arousing much comment, some opposition and some approval.

The clerks of the Superior and Criminal courts will not be necessary

posed constitution now stands, the state Supreme court, composed of five down-state and two Chicago members, will have detailed control of the Cook county court.

The powers given the down-state judicial body over the Cook County courts will include the following:

Decision as to which Cook county judges shall preside over criminal cases, and which ones over civil cases.

Appointment of chief justice of the civil division, who shall also have full charge of the Chicago election machinery.

Appointment of the chief justice of the criminal division.

May authorize chief justices of the criminal and civil divisions, with the consent of the majority of the judges, to appoint assistant judges to be paid out of the county treasury.

May prescribe by rule the duties of assistant judges.

Emmet Wheelon, Bartley Burg, Joseph M. Fitzgerald, William Busse, Anton J. Novak and other good members of the County Board deserve credit for the position the county now occupies in the financial world. On Monday Cook county forest preserve bonds sold above par for the first time when an issue of \$2,000,000 series I 4½ per cent was awarded by the forest preserve commissioners to a syndicate for \$2,042,380. The syndicate is composed of the Guaranty company of New York, Marshall Field, Gloré, Ward & Co., Ames, Emerich & Co., and Stacey & Braun.

The Forest Preserve needs more attention than it is getting. It is getting enough attention from campers who flee to it to escape paying rent. Some of this kind of attention is what destroyed most of the forests in America.

## RUSSIA STANDS BY LAND PLAN

Reply to Allies Also Insists Upon a Billion-Dollar Loan.

## ANSWER MANY PAGES LONG

British Satisfied, but French and Belgians Not—Document Many Pages Long, Revolutionary in Principle, but Conciliatory.

Genoa, May 11.—The Russian answer was finished, but not made public. The document which is expected to make clear the soviet attitude on all points in the memorandum submitted by the conference as a basis for the eventual recognition of Russia, is many pages long, is revolutionary in principle, practical in effect and conciliatory in tone.

The British are satisfied. The French and Belgians are not, but will be able to find reasons for either accepting or rejecting the answer.

The answer meets the requirement set by Louis Barthou that it must be either "yes" or "no." It is both yes and no.

Lloyd George has already forestalled some possible objections to the answer by letting it be known that the conference will proceed with whatever nations stay to take part.

With this program in mind the powers met and laid plans for business which will take up the slack time of the conference while the big thing is hanging fire. They found that there is still much important business.

The most important will be the boundary dispute, which Lloyd George has declared must be settled in order to prevent new wars in Europe.

Essential Points.  
The essential points in the Russian

answer were given by Trotsky in an interview. The preamble explains to the world that revolution has come to Russia and has von. The opposing forces in the revolutionary struggle are capitalism and individualism on the outside, as against collectivism on the inside of Russia.

The Russians declare that the two forces are in a natural conflict and that the great problem is for them to find a way to work and die side by side.

"That," declares the astute soviet foreign minister, "is why the Russians are now yielding in practice without changing their principles—they do not wish to break up the conference."

The answer, however, insists on the loan to Russia, and states flatly that without the granting of loans and credits all other agreements will fail.

Won't Stop Propaganda.  
The soviet government asks to be recognized as a de jure government. They refuse to agree to give up their propaganda.

The allied memorandum is called a step backward from the Cannes and London memorandums.

The proposition for an international consortium is rejected.

The charge is made that the whole discussion does not touch the real problems of Europe and the declaration is made that the revival of business life in Russia and the world is all one problem.

The answer goes into great detail regarding the soviet attitude on Russian debts and on the subject of compensation for nationalized properties, making it plain that while their views on revolutionary rights are unchanged they are making practical concessions for the common good.

James Hamilton Lewis, Richard S. Folsom, William L. Asay and Wallace Streeter have moved to suite 3214-19, 105 West Monroe street, where they will continue the practice of law under the firm name of Lewis, Folsom, Asay & Streeter. Associated with them will be Archie H. Cohen, Albert K. Hutchinson and Charles D. Bradley.

Judge William E. Dever will be re-elected to the Superior bench by a majority so large as to be a record. He has made a great judge, faithful to the trust reposed in him by the people.

The Eagle is pleased to note that the West Park Board on Thursday commenced the work of re-surfacing Jackson Boulevard, through Columbus Park. Attention was called to its bad condition in our issue of April 29.

A three-acre tract of land at Devon and Caldwell avenues was dedicated in commemoration of the late Peter M. Reinberg, former president of the county board, under the auspices of the Forest Preserve commission. A lasting memorial will be erected there soon.

A man named Fieldstack who got to the end of his political rope on the Northwest side asks a recount for one of the two Republican nominations for the Illinois house in the Twenty-fifth district.

State's Attorney Crowe has an unequalled opportunity to put stripes on school fund looters.

The re-election of Judge Charles A. McDonald to the Superior bench June 5, will be almost unanimous—A just tribute to a just man.

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